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SUBJECT: **Follow up report on March 2015 snow geese mortality event in Idaho
involving zinc phosphide**

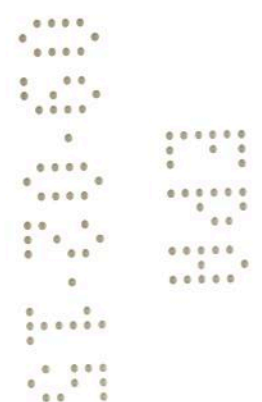
On April 23, 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) was alerted to a potential adverse incident involving zinc phosphide in the death of approximately 2,000 snow geese in mid-March 2015 by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (IDA). USDA APHIS submitted an adverse incident report to EPA on May 28, 2015 for the active ingredient zinc phosphide (CAS No. 1314-84-7, Incident category W-A), because USDA APHIS is a registrant of three zinc phosphide products (EPA Reg. Nos.: 56228-3, 56228-6, and 56228-14).

On August 11, 2015, USDA APHIS received information from IDA confirming that at least some of the bird carcasses sampled were killed by zinc phosphide poisoning, and that they had submitted their final investigation report to EPA on July 9, 2015. The location, route of exposure, and the registered zinc phosphide product involved in the incident could not be determined by IDA. Given that no violations were identified during this investigation, no further action will be initiated by IDA, unless additional information is introduced to show otherwise. Please refer to their report for more details on their investigation.

Please direct any questions pertaining to this letter to Jeffery W. Jones at (301)851-4001 or e-mail Jeffery.W.Jones@aphis.usda.gov.

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